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Gooty-Renigunta Patch Doubling	151	305.95	The work is being executed by RVNL through ADB funding. On Pullampet-Bakarapet 85% earthwork, 100% major bridges, 99% minor bridges completed. On Cuddapah-Muddanuru and Kondapuram-Rayalacheruvu contract for roadbed, bridges and tracks awarded on 07.07.06. Signaling contract awarded on 30.06.06. The work has been taken up. The project is targeted for completion by 2008-09.
Ballapelle-Pullampet (Phase-I of Gooty-Renigunta)	41.00	85	completed and commissioned.
			RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION
Renigunta-Guntakal	. 308	182.55	The work is being executed by RVNL. Railway Electrification work completed on existing lines between Renigunta and Nandalur. Preliminary works on Nandalur-Guntakal have been taken up.
Bhubaneswar-Kottavalasa	457	322.71	Completed and commissioned.

There are no new lines sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh under National Rail Vikas Yojana.

### Removal of AC COACHES

†375. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether AC rail Coaches manufactured before 1994 using R-12 refrigerated technique would be removed from service;

(b) if so, the total number of such coaches that would be removed from service; and

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(c) the scheme formulated to fill the gap created by removal of the said coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) (a) No, Sir. There will be no premature condemnation of AC coaches as a result of Montreal Protocol. Only those coaches which complete their stipulated life before 2010 will be phased out.

(b) There are 780 air conditioned (AC) coaches with R-12 refrigerant manufactured before 1994. About 300 coaches out of 780 would complete their service life by 2010 & will be phased out in normal course. The balance 480 coaches shall be converted by 2010 with environment friendly gas. Work in this direction has already commenced.

(c) After 1994 Railways have already switched over to manufacturing AC coaches with environment friendly refrigerant. Railway Coach Factories are manufacturing about 350 AC coaches every year to meet its requirement on additional & replacement account.

#### **Incidents of beating the passengers by paramilitary forces**

‡376. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of beating the passengers by the personnel of paramilitary forces in the trains run in the country have increased;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the personnel of said forces forcibly grab the reserved seats from common passengers and are forcibly thrown out of the train;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are unable to curb such incidents, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is an increase in the number of incidents of beating the passengers by the personnel of paramilitary forces in the

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